

2 Magazines Affected by D.C. Strike

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A strike by Local 449 of the International Printing and Pressmen's Union has affected more than 30 local businesses, including Merkel Press, Inc., which prints the late news sections of Time and Sports Illustrated magazines.

A Time, Inc. spokesman in New York said the current issues of the publications will be affected to a "limited degree." Readers and subscribers in the Carolinas, Virginia, Southern Pennsylvania and the District will get them one day late, he said.

The Time spokesman added that "arrangements have been made and the strike will not bother us next week or any ensuing week."

Merkle Press is responsible for about 500,000 copies of Time, and about 400,000 copies of Sports Illustrated.

The strike began at midnight Sunday when Local 449, whose contract expired on May 31, and the Printing Industry of Washington Inc., bargaining representative for a number of shops in the District, failed to agree on a new contract.

Local 449 has asked for a \$70 raise increase spread over a three year contract, the local's president, Robert Anistead, said, while the Printing Industry of Washington has offered only \$15, he said.

Anistead maintained that new contracts for other craft unions who bargain with the Washington Printing Industry have ranged between \$48 to \$73 over a three-year period, plus additional health and welfare guarantees, improving working hours, work week and pension.

He said, "we are asking for something similar," and "we will strike until we reach a tentative agreement."